

COUNTRY

1st VP Air Div

TOPIC

25X1

25X1X

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

25X1C

25X1C

DATE OF CONTENT January and February 1953

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED

16 March 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

25X1X

25X1

1. On 9 January 1953, a commission from Berlin which visited the headquarters of the 1st VP Air Div stated that a training manual for radio operators was being printed. This manual was to incorporate all permanent information on radar matters.

25X1

2. [redacted] the name of the commanding officer of the battalion in Cottbus was Fiedler and not as previously stated Eckert.<sup>1</sup>

3. Flight training was suspended in Bautzen about mid-January. The flying personnel was to be transferred from Bautzen to Cottbus and Kamenz for further training.

4. Litten-Neupurschwitz airfield is to be provided with a runway 2,500 meters in length and 80 meters in width. The runway is to consist of steel planks measuring about 150x50 cm and about 1 cm thick. The planks are to be interconnected with bolts.<sup>2</sup>

25X1

5. [redacted] from an interpreter employed at Cottbus airfield that a German student pilot had flown a biplane also referred to as target-tow plane, after 1 February. The plane had a rigid landing gear and was fitted with a large in-line engine.

6. In mid-February, Captain Dowidat (fnu), the commanding officer of the parachute detachment, was waiting for favorable weather conditions in order to test German parachutists during the presence of a Soviet lieutenant colonel, allegedly an experienced parachutist.<sup>4</sup>

25X1A

1. [redacted] Comment. Major Fiedler was previously reported as being the commandant of Cottbus airfield. [redacted]

25X1A

CLASSIFICATION SECRET [redacted]

25X1

252

25X1

SECRET

25X1A

- 2 -

25X1A 2. [ ] Comment. Information on the evacuation of Bautzen-Litten  
25X1 airfield by the 3d VP Air Regt was transmitted previously. See  
25X1A [ ] . The arrival of aircraft at Kamenz was  
mentioned in [ ] . For detailed information on  
construction work at Bautzen-Litten airfield, [ ]  
The construction of a temporary runway from steel planks is reported  
for the first time.

25X1A

25X1A 3. [ ] Comment. The type of the plane referred to cannot be identified.  
4. [ ] Comment. Captain Dowidat is chief of the training course for  
parachutists given at the division headquarters in Cottbus.

25X1A

SECRET

25X1